

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION**

ARIEL CASSONE,
Plaintiff,

v.

**LOUIS BLACK and
THE AUSTIN CHRONICLE CORP.,**
Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:23-cv-1197

PARTIES' JOINT ADR REPORT

Pursuant to Local Rule CV-88 and the Court's Scheduling Order, Plaintiff and Defendant submit the following Joint ADR Report:

1. Status of Settlement Negotiations: The Parties have exchanged written settlement offers, and will continue to negotiate in good faith. The Parties are currently scheduled for mediation of this matter on December 17, 2024.

2. Identity of the Person Responsible for Settlement Negotiations: Plaintiff's counsel, Jay D. Ellwanger, is responsible for settlement negotiations for Plaintiff. Counsel Doug Becker is responsible for settlement negotiations for Defendant Louis Black.

3. Whether Alternative Dispute Resolution is Appropriate in the Case: The Parties believe mediation is appropriate in this case, and are scheduled for mediation on December 17, 2024 before a mutually agreed upon mediator: Patrick Keel; 2814 Glenview Ave., Austin, Texas 78703; (512) 293-0300. The Parties have agreed to equally share the cost of mediation.

Dated: November 14, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 14, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all counsel of record via the Court's ECF system.

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